PREACHER ON THE CARPET BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Threatened With Prosecution. the Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie Explains Use of Mail Frank.

ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD MADE

After Lively Scene He Explains He Sent Only Legitimate Matter Touching on Original Package Bill.

MINISTER CLEARED OF CHARGE

Congressman Bartholdt Attempts o Speak for Opposition, but Is Ruled Out and the Incident Closed.

the charges of the misuse of the franking privileges of members of Congress by vocates of the Dolliver and Hepburn original package bill made yesterday, came just as to-day's hearings closed. The Reverend E. C. Dinwiddle, who had been charged with the misuse of Representative Clayton's frank by Duncan B. Harrison, representing the United States Brewers Association, obtained permission to explain the affair to the committee. Mr. Clayton, who is a member of the

committee, interrupted Mr. Dinwiddie, saying he desired to repeat what he had said on the previous day to the effect that if his frank had been misused by Mr. Dinwiddle and this could be proved, he would prosecute him.

"What I want to know," he concluded, addressing Mr. Dinwiddle, "Is whether my frank has been used in a manner in which it should not have been used, and I want know if you did it. I have no remedy in the matter except to denounce the man f I can find him, and I want to know if it is you or Mr. Harrison."
MINISTER EXPLAINS.

Mr. Dinwiddle explained that he never sought to frank matter that did not bear on legislation or on public matters in relation thereto. He read a statement prepared by his secretary, Miss Church, that the positive rule of the office of the Anti-League, as laid down by Mr. Dinwiddle and carefully observed, had been that only public documents, congressional cords and extracts therefrom should be

"And nothing has been sent out," con-tinued the statement, "under Mr. Clayton's frank save the extract from the reuord, except in some cases a copy of the report recommending the passage of the On other frankable matter, other franks have been used,"

Representative Parker of New Jersey, r member of the committee, contended that this statement had not answered Mr. Clayton's question.

SEALED ENVELOPES "Do you ever open sealed envelopes?" he demanded.

In answer Mr. Dinwiddle said this was

not the rule, but some of the envelopes bearing Mr. Clayton's frank had come to him unscaled, "but," he continued, have other envelopes bearing the frank of Senator Hansbrough, which are not sealed and in which we include other frankable matter.'

Mr. Littlefield of Maine, a member of the committee, made this explanation in the form of a question;

"You placed Mr. Clayton's speech in his franked envelope, other matter bearing or the subject in another franked envelope and then paid postage on other matter on the same subject which you did not regard as frankable?"

"That is it," assented Mr. Dinwiddle, I am perfectly satisfied," etaculated Mr Clayton, "and I say right here now that I do not believe Mr. Dinwiddle abused the see of my frank. And I believe all that coast of Mr. Harrison was made for the purpose of prejudicing Mr. Dinwiddle before this committee." BARTHOLDT QUIETED.

Representative Bartholdt, who has man aged the opposition to the bill, interrupted to say that in the absence of Mr. Harrison, he would like to say a word in his

behalf. What Mr. Harrison said was that unfrankable matter was contained in these envelopes," he continued, "and I think he has proved that fact beyond question by

producing sealed envelopes." "Mr. Chairman," interrupted Mr. Clayton, "I must protest against this for the reason that those envelopes might have been opened and filled with the matter they contained for the purpose of making a vain and boastful display before this committee. That man came before this committee and said he was going to paralyze us and shock us. I don't think that Mr. Barthoidt has got any right before this committee and I move you, sir, that this incident be closed."

INCIDENT CLOSED. Mr. Bartholdt protested against being gram which Telpel had sent. The message taken from the floor in this manner, but Chairman Jenkins roled "this matter has

During the day Noah Guler of Newark, N. J.; Captain Biehler of Indianapolis A. Arms of New York and F. W. Stewart of Boston, on behalf of German-American societies, opposed the bill, and Robeet Crain of Baltimore, representing the United States Brewers' Association, and II. M. Hough of St. Louis, representing the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, made legal arguments in op-

position to it. The Reverend J. L. Bailey of Philadelphia, Representative Walter Smith of Iowa, L. B. Wilson and Andrew Wilson spoke in favor of the measure. Repre-sentative Bartholdt said that twenty-one members of the House had come to him as the manager of the opposition to the measure and had asked for time to be heard. He asked that an opportunity be given them.

WOULD BAR LIQUOR | LINDELL BOULEVARD SALE AT COTTAGE.

Reports Forest Park Bill With Amendments.

New Measure Provides for Five Assistants in Office of Inspector of Weights and

The City Council's Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the Forest Park Cottage bill, a measure authorizing the Board of Public Improvements to renew the lease on Forest Park Cottage for ing the sale of intoxicants at the Cottage. An amendment to that effect was submitted with the report, as well as amendments pertaining to the bond and length of time the lease is to run. The amendment leaves the length of time of the lease to the discretion of the Board of Public Improvements, as well as the fixing of the bond, which was originally placed

The Legislation Committee is composed of Councilmen W. A. Gardner, H. N. Davis and George D. Markham. Their report was favorable on the question of allowing the sale of intoxicants at the World's Fair grounds. An amendment in regard to this part of the bill extended the time limit of sale on the Fair grounds two months. The original bill provided only for the sale of liquors during a period beginning April 1 and ending December 1. In order to accommodate the workmen on the grounds liquor will be sold up to Feb-Should the measure as now amended

come a law no liquor will be sold in Forest Park. OBJECT TO RENEWAL

When it became known that the lease on the Cottage was about to expire, there were objections to its renewal with the privilege of selling intoxicants.

A measure was introduced providing for the appointment of five assistants in the office of the Inspector of Weights and Measures. These salaries are to range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year.

Action on the revision of the building code was laid over for one meeting. The bill calling for the reconstruction of Sidney street from Broadway to Gravois avenue was reported adversely by the committee to whom it was submitted and was laid over according to the rules of the Council.

The Council bill providing for an increase of salary for the weigher at the Insane Asylum was passed. The bill providing for the reconstruction of Locust street from Fourth street to Thirteenth street was passed and was sent to the

The following street bills were pass and sent to the House: For the construction of Belt avenue from Maple to Page avenues; Belt avenue between Cabanne and Maple avenues, and Kennerly avenu between Taylor and Marcus avenues. An ordinance establishing the width of Belt avenue between Maple and Page avenues was passed, fixing the width at 30 feet.

DEFENDS USE OF LIQUOR.

Mrs. Richter of St. Louis Causes Stir Among W. C. T. U.

Members of the W. C. T. U. ar wrought up over the speech of Mrs. Fer-inande Richter of St. Louis, who appeared before the Committee of the Judictary of the House of Representatives at Washington and defended the use of liquors.

Mrs. Richter's remarks were in condemnation of the Hepburn and Dolliver bills now before Congress, providing against the importation of liquor into States have prohibitory laws.

The German-American Alliance selected Mrs. Richter to present a petition signed by thousands of German women who pose the measure. In her speech, Mrs. Richter contended that persons had a right to bring beer and whisky into their homes if they wished, and that interference by the Government was unlawful. Mrs. Richter lives at No. 2423 South Eighteenth street, and is well known in St. Louis German circles.

CLAIMS TO KNOW "TOUCH" OVER WIRE

Witness in Divorce Case, in Which Principals Are Telegraph Operators, Identifies Message.

Whether the "hand" of a telegraph operator could be recognized at a distance by other operators was a point of contention in a divorce proceedings in the Circuit Court at Edwardsville, Ill., yesterday. The deferdant, plaintiff and main witness for

the latter are all operators. The proceeding was the suit for divorce irstituted by Mrs. Jessie Teipel of East Alton against John F. Teipel, her husband. R. A. Cooper, brother of Mrs. Teipel, who is agent for the Big Four at Hornsby was put on the stand to tell of a telecould not be offered in evidence, but Attorney J. A. Brenholt for the plaintiff

held that as Cooper had heard it pass over the wire he was entitled to testify concerning it. Cooper contended that he was a familiar with Teipel's telegraphy as with his voice, and could from its certain cultarities identify it as positively as handwriting. This being the contention, Judge Charles T. Moore, allowed the contents of the overheard nessage to go before the jury, although he stated that it was the

first time evidence of the kind had come before him. It is the second time that the Teipel's have been in the Circuit Court in divorce proceedings. They were married twelve years ago, and she got a divorce in No-vember, 1897. The following spring they were remarried. He is an operator for the Big Four at East Alton, and since leaving him his wife has been an operator for the same line at Nameoki,

TO BE IMPROVED.

Legislative Committee of Council Council Passes Measure Provid ing for Reconstruction by Vote of 9 to 2.

LENGTH OF LEASE CHANGED. BILL MAY BE SIGNED TO-DAY.

Action Puts End to Controversy Between Property Owners and Improvement Board.

struction of the boulevard from Grand avenue to King's highway, passed th Council last night by a vote of 2 to 2. The House of Delegates and City Coun

cil will meet this morning at 11 o'clock to

sign the measure, which will then go t Mayor Wells for his signature The passage of this bill ends a long figh carried on by the property holders of Lindell boulevard on one side and the Board

of Public Improvements on the other. Members of the Board of Public Improvements favored reconstruction with bituminous macadam. Property holders along the boulevard opposed reconstruc-tion, but the board exercised the power vested in it by the Charter, and bilis were introduced into the Municipal Assembly, which were passed after after the Public Improvements Committee, composed of Councilmen Markham, Rolfes and Newell, submitted a majority and minority report. Councilman Newell reported

Rolfes and Newell reported favorably. After the bill was reported from committee it was laid over twice because there were not enough members present to pass It required but a majority of the Council to hold the bill from being placed upon its passage, but required a two-thirds vote to pass the measure. The bill is in two sections. One sec-

against reconstruction, while Councilmen

tion called for the reconstruction of the boulevard from Spring avenue to King's highway. The other was for the reconstruction of that portion between Grand and Spring avenues,

Tue vote by which the measure was car ried is as follows: Ayes-Boyce, Davis, Gardner, Gibson, Lawlor, Markham, Rolfes, Sheehan and President Hernsby. Noes-Newell and Spiegelhalter. Absent-Councilman Marks. After the votes on the two sections were taken motions to reconsider and table were duly made, making action final.

The Council adjourned to meet at o'clock this morning, as it was thought the House of Leightes would sign the bill last night. The House, however, adjourned after adopting resolutions of condolence extended to Clerk Joseph N. Judge, whose wife was buried yesterday. The Council will change its meeting to conform with the action of the House of Delegates

SECOND MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE PAID IN MARCH.

Receipt for Installment Received by Treasury Department, and Fair May Have Money on Demand.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, March 4.- The receipt for the second million-dollar warrant, on ac count of the \$4,600,000 loan to the World's Fair was received to-day at the Treasury Department.

Another million is now available, and will be paid on demand during March.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS-MAY WHEAT 94c ASKED; MAY CORN 45%c BID, CHICAGO-MAY WHEAT 97c; MAY

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:29 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:50 THE MOON SETS THIS EVENING AT

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

St. Louis and Vicinity-Partly southerly winds.

For Missouri - Rain Saturday; warmer in east. Sunday, fair; cold-For Illinois-Rain and warmer Sat-

urday. For Arkansas - Fair and warmer Saturday. Warm Sunday; rain at

1. Preacher on the Carpet Before House Committee. Father Stumbled Over Son's Corpse.

Gets Diamonds Valued at \$500. Lindell Boulevard to Be Improved. 2. World's Fair News.

3. Democrats Favor Three New States. 4. Big Killing Made on Albert F. Dewey. Cardinals Ready for Training Trip. 5. Happenings in East Side Cities.

Grant's Grandson Wins French Bride. Intense Suffering From Prairie Fire. 7. Mormons Still Defend Polygamy,

8. Book News and Gossip. Arizona Secretary Resigns Under Charges. 9. Religious News and Announcements.

The Sunday-School Lesson. 10. Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.

11. Rooms for Rent Ads. 12. Live-Stock Market. St. Louis Cotton.

12. Financial News. Weekly Bank Statement. Summary of St. Louis Grain Markets. 14. Proposed Theater to Cost \$125,000.

Dun's and Bradstreet's Weekly Re-Artist Discovers Tenier Paintings.

WHERE JAPAN WON ONE VICTORY AND HOPES TO WIN AGAIN.



PING-YANG, KOREA, WHICH HAS BEEN FORTIFIED BY JAPANESE, AND WILL SERVE AS THEIR MILITARY BASE. The town was the scene of a great battle between the Mikado's forces and the Chinese, September 15 and 16, 1894. It has since been kept garrisoned by the Koreans. The Japanese, who had upward of 6,000 troops there two weeks ago, have strengthened and extended the ramparts. The town's population is about 40,000. Its name is spelled in almost numberless ways, the most ordinary variations being Phyong-Yang. Pyeng-Yang and Ichie-Yang.

GETS DIAMONDS VALUED AT \$660.

Jewels Belonging to Wife of Kansas City Railroad President Recovered.

Mrs. William J. Scott's Husband Files Replevin Suit and Secures Possession of Goods Held by Express Co.

William J. Scott of Kansas City, presilent of the Denison and Northern Railroad, yesterday secured for his wife, Flora G. Scott, by means of a replevin suit, possession of five diamond rings and other jewelry, which were held by the Adams Express Company. The jeweiry was sent to St. Louis by

the largest pawnbrokers' establishments in New York. The gems were consigned to Tom Randolph, president of the Commonwealth Trust Company. The express company received instruc tions not to deliver the jewelfy, nor allow the package in which it was contained, to

be examined until \$600, alleged to be due The property consists of one two-stor ring; one ring set with two diamonds and men would be the limit, and that he one sapphire; three diamond rings, one thought this number was sufficient.

stone each; one diamond and opal bracelet. Several hundred applications ha

and one diamond scarf pin, all valued at The consignee did not see fit to pay the amount claimed, and the Scotts were noti- these men to call at the Four Courts for ime to St. Louis and, not examination.

being allowed to see the goods, retnined brought in Mrs. Scott's name the sum of \$1,400, with himself and George | the force will not be considered.

Brown of the Commonwealth Trust Company as sureties. John T. Fitzsimmons, Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk, issued an order of delivery and lieves that the men will be uniformed and

Deputy Sheriff Andrew H. Watson took will have become proficient in their duties on of the jewelry and turned it by World's Fair opening time. over to Scott, who acted as his wife's Scott accompanied the deputy to the express company's office.

The deputy opened the package and checked the articles, which were found to be as described in the petition. The officer gave it as his opinion that the jewelry is worth much more than the value placed upon it.

EARTHQUAKE MAKES RIVER OVERFLOW.

Thirty-Eighth Shock to New Mexico Town - Seismic Disturbance Causes Alarm in Peru.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 4.-News cloudy and warmer Saturday; fresh has reached here from Socorro, twenty miles south of here, that the thirty-eighth earthquake since the first of January occurred there to-day.

The seismic disturbance caused the river to overflow and inundate the lower portion of the city. Considerable damage to property resulted.

No loss of life is reported. FERU FEELS SEVEREST SHOCK IN THIRTY YEARS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Lima, Peru, March 4 - (Copyright, 1904)-This city was visited early this morning by an earthquake which led thousands of persons to flee from their homes into the streets, and which felled the walls of many buildings.

The disturbance, which started at 5:20 o'clock, lasted about fifty seconds. No earthquake compared to it has been experienced in Lima during the last thirty years.

One of the structures seriously affected by the shock was the Cathedral. Its right tower was cracked and much damage was done to statues and works of art. Scarcely a house in the city escaped any dam-Doors and windows were opened and

reshut by the tremors. Roofs were dis-lodged and pictures, mirrors and glassware in shops were destroyed. The conies of a large part of the city building tumbled to the ground. A dispatch from Chorillos says that the arthquake was more destructive there than in Lima. The shock cracked the walls of churches and destroyed pictures,

statues and crockery. Windows were

broken in almost all of the houses.

MORE POLICEMEN. Commissioners Say Emergency

WILL ADD 500

Exists Because of Protection Needed for Fair.

SHIPPED FROM NEW YORK. POSITIONS NOT PERMANENT.

Appointments to Be Made April 1-When Qualifications and the Same as for Probationary Patrolmen.

force was declared yesterday by the Board of Police Commissioners. This ac-

the force on April 1. It has not yet been decided how many extra men will be Henry McAlcenan, who conducts one of added to Chief of Detectives William Desmond's staff. Chief of Police Mathew Kiely does not believe that 500 additional men will be sufficient to patrol the city during the

World's Fair period. He hoped that at least 700 new men would be placed under President William G. Frye of the Board of Police Commissioners stated last night after the meeting had adjourned, that 509

Several hundred applications have already been received by Secretary Thomas Ward of the Board of Police Commission ers. He will at once notify a portion of

The qualifications for the new men will Attorney Joseph S. McIntyre and suit was be the same as those now required of probationary patrolmen. Applications Scott filed the papers and gave bond in from those who have been dismissed from

President Frye stated last night that it was hoped the 500 additional men would be ready for service by April 1. He be

The new men will not be placed inside the World's Fair grounds, but several hundred of the new men will be placed in the vicinity and at the entrances to

the grounds. The force now on duty in the district east of Jefferson avenue will be doubly increased. Chief of Police Kiely stated last night that when the World's Fair opens he intends to have an officer on every important corner.

All applicants will be given to understand that their positions are not perma-

It is thought that eight months will be the time of employment. The new men will receive the same pay as a probationary patrolman-\$55 a month. The meeting of the board was attended by all members and Mayor Wells. Doctor

GOVERNOR GRANTS COLLINS RESPITE

has returned, and was also a visitor.

Condemned Man Expresses Hope That He May Now Get Life Sentence in the Peni-

tentiary. Fred Collins, the Union bank robber. will not be hanged March II, as had been

fixed, as Governor Dockery has set the

date of his execution for March 26, fifteen days later than the original date. Collins was convicted in the Franklin County Court of having killed Detective Schumacher, an employe of the Pinkerton agency, who was searching for him.

When Collins was told that his span of life had been lengthened his face no joy for a moment; then he smiled and said that he hoped the Governor would look further into his case and give him a life sentence instead of the extreme penalty. Collins was lying on his bunk reading religious book, when the news was brought

in his reception of this information, which gave him an extension of life. RUSSIANS TO LEAVE PORT SAID TO-DAY FOR CADIZ;

TO AWAIT BALTIC FLEET.

his behavior on all occasions was eviden

Port Said, Egypt, March 4.-Admiral Wirenius's squadron of Russian warships will leave Egyptian waters to-morrow for Cadiz, Spain, leaving the torpedo-boat destroyers at Algiers. They will remain in the Mediterranean until June, awaiting No fatalities have been reported as yet, the arrival of the Baltic fleet,

MARINES REPORTED SENT INTO NORTHERN KOREA TO GUARD AMERICANS' MINE.

Property at Un-San, Remote From the Capital, Probably in Hands of Russians---Owned by I. Sloat Fassett and His Associates --- Washington Officials Much Disturbed About Report---Russians Obtain Stores and Coal by Sea at Vladivostok.

MINISTER SAYS JAPAN HAS WON IMPORTANT LAND VICTORIES.

The Republic's correspondent at Seoul cables that United States Minis ter Allen has sent a guard of sixty marines to guard mines to Un-San, 120 miles north of Ping Yang, which, it was reported February 27, had been seized by Russians. The Associated Press confirms the report. The mines are owned in part, it is said, by J. Sloat Fassett, once a Republican candidate for Governor of New York. Un-San is sixty miles from Anju and fifty from Yong-Pyon, the nearest town of importance in that district. What may happen if the marines find Russian soldiers in charge of the property is a matter of uneasy conjecture at Washington, where the State Depart-

ment is disposed to doubt the accuracy of the report. The Japanese Minister at Berlin is quoted as telling intimate friends that Japan has won highly important victories in her land operations, but that news is withheld for strategic reasons. Censorship has become so rigid on both sides that practically nothing but official dispatches come from the seat of war.

A dispatch from Tientsin reports that news has been received there of the bombardment of Port Arthur on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A dispatch from General Pflug at Port Arthur, dated Thursday, says all was quiet there on that day and does not mention the recent presence of

The Japanese admit that coal and stores have reached Vladivostok by sea and intimate that they permitted this in the expectation of using the stores themselves ultimately. The Vladivostok squadron stays c the guns of the fort there.

MARINES SENT TO UN-SAN TO GUARD MINES OWNED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC Secuf, Thursday, March 3, 1:55 p. m.-(Copyright, 1904.)-Mr. Horace M. Allen, United States Minister to Korea, has thought it necessary at present to send a guard of marines to the American mines at Un-San, belonging to Mr. J. Sloat Fassett and his associates. which were reported on February 27 to have been seized by Russian soldiers. Accordingly sixty men have been

north of Ping-Yang. OFFICIALS ASTOUNDED.

sent to the spot, which is 120 miles

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, March 4.-State Department officials are astounded by the reports that Mr. Allen has sent a part William R. Faulkner, Superintendent of of the small marine guard at his lega-Public Property, who has been absent from his post for more than three months, tion in Seoul, Korea, to protect the gold-mine concessions near Un-San which are held by Mr. J. Sloat Fassett, Mr. Leigh Hunt and other Amer-

> icans. Such an order to American troops to proceed through Korea, into the very theater of war, it is declared, is at entire variance with the designs of this Government unless extraordinary cir-

> cumstances have arisen. The force of marines at Chemulpo, where lie the Vicksburg and the Cincinnati, is too small to be any check whatever to either the Russian or Japanese armies should they disregard property

> rights and pillage the mines. Mr. Hay this morning received from Mr. Allen a cablegram dated Seoul yesterday which showed that there was then no intention of sending marines to the mines. Therefore, the reports are discredited here.

MINISTER SAYS JAPAN HAS WON GREAT VICTORIES, BUT WITHHOLDS ANNOUNCEMENT

to him. The composure that has marked

Berlin, March 4 .- Count Inouyo, Japanese Minister here, privately informed several of his intimate friends in this city to-day that the Japanese Army had won a series of brilliant and Important victories in the course of the last week, but that public announcement of these successes is withheld for strategic reasons.

It is believed here that the Japanese troops have practically succeeded in isolating Port Arthur and in outma-

TIENTSIN HEARS JAPS HAVE BOMBARDED PORT ARTHUR THREE DAYS THIS WEEK.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Tientsin, Saturday, March 5, 8:25 a. m., Eastern time.-(Copyright, 1904.)-News of the three days' bombardment at intervals reached here to-day. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Japanese ships resumed their bom-

bardment of Port Arthur. The warships at first attacked at a distance of fifteen kilometers from the forts, later reducing this to seven kilometers. The results of the attacks are not made public.

PFLUG REPORTS THAT JAPS LOST SHIP NEAR CHEMULPO; NOW QUIET AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, March 4 .- The following dispatch, dated Thursday, March 3, has been received from Major General Pflus. commanding the Russian forces at Port

"All is quiet at Port Arthur and Yingtse. "According to information given by witnesses, a Japanese cruiser having three funnels, lies near Chemulpo, between islands, having recently sunk

A correspondent of the Daily Mail. cabling from Chefoo, under date of March , said, among other things, that he had seen a Japanese cruiser of the Nitka type, 3,300 tons, beached at the entrance of Nam-Yang Creek, which is fifteen miles south of Chemulpo. Japanese navel vessels of the Nitka type have three

JAP AND RUSSIAN SHIPS LOST IN BATTLE, SAYS

MISSIONARY AT SHANGHAL London, March 5.-On the strength of a statement made by a missionary who has just arrived there, the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Chronicle sends in a doubtful report that twenty-eight Japsnese sallors have landed at Tengchau, west of Chefoo, saying that their vessel had sunk as the result of an engagement with Russian warships, which also went

No Russians were saved, but 200 Japanese were rescued by Chinese junks, This action, it is reported, occurred between Port Arthur and the Miao Islands in Lao-Thir-Shan Channel.

Tokio, March 4-It is evident that noveral vessels laden with coal, provisions and other contraband articles have recently effected the passage of Tsugaru Strait and succeeded in reaching Vladivostok.

Their exact number and names are unknown, but it is stated they included neuvering the Russians in the Yalu re- Two! of them, it is said, carried cargoss of Australian coal.